

Moderate students divided on national union concepts

Should a national body be "political"?

By RICH VIVONE
Gateway Editor

WATERLOO, Ont.—An attempt to form a new national union met instant death here Dec. 30 and the Waterloo Lutheran Congress on National Student Unionism illustrated simply that even the moderate element in Canadian universities are seriously divided on the concept of what a national student union should be.

A brief was presented to the 25 universities attending the congress which outlined the structure of a national student association "based on a regional/provincial structure".

The brief read that on the national level, the association would

"exist as a service bureau organization and as a thinker's conference organizing body to effect national inter-regional communication".

The new structure would eliminate the office of president and the "associated dangers such as the president representing minority opinion and supposedly speaking for all Canadian students".

It was drawn up by a group under the chairmanship of William Houston of the Queen's University of Kingston, Ont., delegation. The reaction was quick and deadly.

Rob Walsh, Simon Fraser student president, threw up his hands and said "if they want a prema-

ture death, they'll get it with this proposal."

Allan Dubeck of the University of Winnipeg was harsh in his criticism of the brief. "This is the most narrowminded thing I've ever seen. We're moving backwards by at least 20 years," he said.

Fraser Hodge, representing The University of British Columbia, was equally opposed to the brief.

"This brief is an incredible crock of shit," he said. "Some parts of this are so unreal that I can't believe it. I almost laughed when I read it."

"If this is the total outcome of this organization, then I feel I've wasted my time coming here," he said.

"I didn't think I would ever find myself agreeing with the Canadian Union of Students, but if this is what we are doing, then I would suggest that if we don't like what is said by an organization (CUS) then you sit there and try to make them change it. Leaving is childish," he said.

The plenary agreed with these people and threw the document out. Instead they adopted a watered-down version also drawn up by a group chaired by Houston.

The final resolution, approved in principle "the theme that decentralization is an effective context in which to consider achievement of the goal of representivity and relevancy in student association."

It is expected that a spring meeting will be called for Dalhousie University to deal with the resolution on a detailed basis.

The Waterloo congress was called jointly by Queen's, Carleton and Waterloo Lutheran Universities because these schools were particularly disenchanted with the political utterings and composition of the Canadian Union of Students.

A number of schools have withdrawn from CUS and this congress was primarily intended to air the precise reasons for the discontent.

All western schools were represented except for Alberta, Victoria, Manitoba and Regina.

If anything, the three-day meeting proved there were serious divisions in political thought amongst the moderate group. They experienced deep trouble in determining whether a national union should make political statements. And frequently, the plenary broke down into arguments in definition of terms. The terms democracy and political were the chief victims.

Walsh, the alleged "moderate" president of SFU, held little hope for the group unless they improved their political methods.

"These people can't hope to confront radicals and win," he said after the congress. "Radicals practice and debate politics 24 hours a day, 364 days a year while these people practice politics only during conferences."

"Unless they get strong leadership at the next CUS congress, things are not going to change," he said.

Would Walsh attempt to provide this leadership?

"Not likely," he said. "I plan to enter a law school, possibly in Montreal, and will have to give up my presidency in the spring.

President Walter H. Johns retires after 31 years

President Walter Johns announced his retirement after serving the university for 31 years, more than half the life of the university.

Dr. Johns who is almost 61 says his retirement, effective August, 1969, is a question of health and strength. He has been president for 10 years, and has worked without a sabbatical for 35 years.

"It is a tremendously demanding position involving one almost completely," he said of the presidency.

Since his heart attack two and a half years ago, Dr. Johns says he has felt the pressures building up.

"I am very tired. I cannot keep up the pace I used to," he said.

Dr. Johns will take a year's sabbatical leave to catch up on classical studies and hopes to make a start on a history of the university. He will remain at U of A taking a position teaching classics the following year.

"To teach and study has always been my first interest," said Dr. Johns.

He says his decision to retire wasn't all that sudden. "You make it and there it is."

He would like to return to teaching, and thinks someone younger should take over the presidency.

An advisory selection committee has been appointed to find a successor. It will consist of representa-



DR. WALTER H. JOHNS

tives of the Board of Governors, the faculty, the staff association, and students.

There are certain advantages in the successor coming from the university, said Dr. Johns; but it is just as likely to be one from outside the university.

Dr. Johns is looking forward to having time to read the many books he has collected in the past ten years.

"The chance has never come but it is coming the first of September this year," he said.

"The U of A is a great university made great by the people in it," he said. "I consider myself very fortunate indeed to be associated with it."

"In fact I fell in love with it. It's a grand place. It really is."



—Al Yackulic photo

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Waterloo conference:

National unionism expressed

WATERLOO, Ont.—Phil Ponting, president of the Alberta Association of Students and treasurer of The University of Alberta Students' Union in 1967-68, attended the Waterloo Lutheran Congress on National Student unionism held here Dec. 28-30 and these are some of his observations:

"The congress was extremely useful in my opinion because a lot of universities had been harboring on what a national union should or should not be. Here they were given a chance to express their ideas on national unionism."

"Queen's University and Waterloo Lutheran University have not been impressed with the Canadian Union of Students. They want to operate a service station on a national level. Meanwhile, schools such as Simon Fraser and Carleton felt that a national union had more than a service station function. And The Maritime schools come to the conference and have their own little ideas of a national union. It is good to hear all these ideas."

"Many of the student councils were represented here. They all are willing to sacrifice some of their local concessions to the overall



PHIL PONTING

idea of what a national union could do.

"This conference was not intended to be a legislative body—

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Arts questionnaire samples student opinion on curriculum

The curriculum committee of the Faculty of Arts has received the opinion of students in the faculty on several issues through the circulation of a questionnaire.

Students have been asked to consider the three major questions facing the curriculum committee at this time which are:

•Is the three year arts program long enough to give intensive training in one field?

•Should science courses be compulsory for students in an arts program?

•should physical education be compulsory for first year students?

Students were also asked for their own comments, complaints, and suggestions.

Questionnaires were distributed to students, members of the staff, and graduate students who have taken their undergraduate training here.

The questionnaire was used because it was felt that meetings would only attract the activist minority, and give a

distorted view of what the students wanted.

Though all the questionnaires have not yet been returned to the arts office, they are still coming in and Associate Dean F. D. Blackley, who is in charge of the questionnaire, said the response has been good so far.

Though he was certain the still unprocessed questionnaires would be taken into account by the curriculum committee Prof. Blackley would not make any statement regarding how much influence the questionnaire would have on the committee's decisions.

"I think its got to be taken into consideration as a very powerful factor in the committee's decision, but I cannot predict what their decision will be," he said.

"It's the only attempt that I know of to find out what they (the students) think he said.

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Grad students refuse demands; sociology department troubled

By DAN JAMIESON

Although the sounds of student power and intra-faculty name calling which were prompted by the appointment of an all-powerful executive committee in the sociology department last Nov. 18 have all but died away, the sociology department wounds show no sign of healing.

The now infamous Nov. 18 meeting created a deep split in the faculty, and was seen as a threat to potential grad student representation in the department.

More than 150 students marched on the Tory building on Nov. 29 to emphasize student uneasiness over the move, and the sociology staff aired their differences at an open meeting of the Student's Emergency Action Committee Dec. 3.

At a meeting held Dec. 10, sociology grad students voted to

accept the two seats on the new executive committee offered by the staff, provided two conditions were met. The committee has rejected the first condition.

The conditions were:

• "Any two members of the executive committee be empowered to call a meeting of the whole, students and staff, to make a final decision on any issue, according to the 2/3 staff-1/3 student voting formula" decided on Dec. 16.

• "Employment strategies for academic staff be defined as a major issue."

Though the committee met the latter condition by releasing a general policy statement on the department's employment strategies, they refused to accept the former condition.

"We (the executive committee) believe that the committee, like other duly constituted bodies, should be bound by the will of a majority, not a minority of its members," was the official reply made in a statement sent by the committee to the grad students.

The committee statement went on to suggest that the grad students would be given three days in which to contact their constituents, and discuss matters of concern with them.

The graduate students claim that there are too many grad students and facilities for communication between them are not good enough to allow them to get in touch with everyone in only three days.

Peter Boothroyd and Pat Bourgette, the representatives elected by the grad students are waiting until the grad students clarify their position and accept or reject the executive committee's statement in a meeting to be held Jan. 14 to see if they should take their seats or not.

Moussa Khalidi has resigned his post as co-ordinator of the Sociology Graduate Students Association in order to pave the way for a re-organization of the association which will include the two representatives to the executive committee which will get under way in the Jan. 14 meeting.

The executive committee is anx-

ious to get the matter of student representation cleared up.

"The executive committee is meeting now only on emergency matters, and are holding off any policy decisions until we can get them, (the grad students), involved," said Gordon Hirabayashi, head of the department, in an interview Wednesday.

He went on to say the executive committee had a lot of ground to cover between now and March 15, at which time the committee is expected to present a set of recommendations regarding a new departmental structure, which is to include grad student representation and participation.

Grad students emphasized that if they send representatives to the executive committee, their entry into departmental politics will be made "with the knowledge that grad student participation in the operation of the department is required and in no way is meant to imply that the grad students have assumed a position regarding the faculty dispute."

Prof. Seth Fisher has been asked to resign his post as chairman of the Staff Selection Committee as a result of a memo sent to the new executive in which he stated that he would continue to chair the committee, but that he could only work with the new executive "under strong protest."

Official notice

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Council meets Monday

The next student's council meeting will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Some of the more important topics to be discussed include: the university fund raising campaign, the question of what amount grad students should pay for Students' Union privileges and the suspension of Students' Union activity fees at U of S Regina campus.

There will also be discussion on the student reps that were invited to sit on the committee to chose Dr. Johns' successor.

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Additional information can be obtained from Ed Monsma, 26th floor, CN Tower (422-8013).

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible since late applications were rejected last year.

Art union born after stormy conception

By ELAINE VERBICKY

A union of all arts students is about to be born after a month of labor pains for the arts faculty.

Every student taking a course in arts, even if it is only compulsory first year English, is asked to attend a general meeting Thursday at 2 p.m. in Con Hall, to assist at the public birth of a representative union.

The conception of an arts union occurred at a teach-in last December on problems in the faculty.

Since then, mass meetings have nursed the idea along.

The Thursday meeting, to be chaired by Ron MacDonald, arts 3, will consider a unionization proposal from a student working committee which met during Christmas break.

Suggested objectives of a union are:

- student representation on arts faculty committees and other committees of student interest

- formation of an identifiable arts student organization or collectivity

- effective consideration of individual student grievances against administration, registration, professors and courses

- action in the general interest of arts students.

Each department under the faculty of arts will organize its students and appoint a department representative to an executive committee of an arts union. The executive committee will prepare agendas and collect suggestions for regular general arts meetings, at which the whole union mem-

ber will vote on proposed action.

This is the working committee's proposal for unionization. It is open to discussion and change at Thursday's meeting.

Said MacDonald, "I hope the meeting will help the working committee work itself out of a job. I don't see why we can't have a union before the end of term."

The union, as proposed, would study issues of broad concern to students.

The relative merits of teaching methods used in arts, such as the lecture or seminar method and an examination system, would be investigated and an opinion expressed to the administration.

The union would study university involvement in the surrounding community and consider setting up "free school" seminars, student-run, on subjects not included in the regular curriculum.

The working committee proposals won support from Prof. J. Terfloth, head of the Arts Faculty Committee on Student Representation.

"Over all, this is a perfectly positive approach," he commented. "The idea the faculty is renegade and conservative is just not true. This proposal will meet with a lot of sympathy from the faculty."

"The objectives outline areas where the students ought to be concerned and ought to be involved," he added.

Arts dean D. E. Smith commented, "If arts students can organize a viable body, it would be an excellent thing. I would be glad to advise people from this group if asked."

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STAFF THIS ISSUE—After a day of finding out where everyone went for Christmas holidays, who got traffic tickets, and who was involved in accidents, we're back. On hand to bitch about exam marks tonight were Bob Anderson, Dennis Zomerschoe, Judy Samoil, Dan Carroll (who never stays home), Brian MacDonald, Dan Jamieson, Steve Makris, Elaine Verbicky, Randy (alias Leon)

Jankowski, Terry Petit, Joe Czajkowski, Peter Johnston and last of all but surely not least Harvey G. Thomgirt who stayed in his cage for the last 18 days and remained perpetually stoned. By the way, three cheers for the university's new sculpture which looks like something left over from Candy.

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Editorial

Will the new year bring hope—or hell?

In this first issue of the new year, it is traditional to look back over the past 12 months and to gauge what might happen in the next 12.

We will not bore and pall you with one more listing of the momentous and stimulating events of 1968.

Nor shall we attempt to predict the course of 1969. All the clairvoyants to who cancelled their future meetings due to unforeseen circumstances handled that assignment and the result was that each day was the same as the one before—only worse.

What we propose for today is to tell what we believe **ought** to happen in 1969—what we wish for our fellow students. Let us for a change engage in wishful thinking, noting that after 1968 anything may be possible.

First, let us hope for change. Change within the university structure so that it becomes meaningful to all students and to all faculty. We hope for change so all students may have an opportunity to voice their opinion on all issues and an opportunity to witness decision-making in all levels of the university structure.

We hope these changes can be implemented in a peaceful manner and with sufficient compromise and cooperation from all sides.

Let us hope that the university reassesses whatever external political views it currently holds so that all students fleeing political systems unsuitable to themselves can get a deal as fine as did the Czechoslovakian students who came to this university. We are certain that Czechoslovakia is not the only country on this planet ruled by an force some students claim is oppressive.

Let us hope student union presidents of the future make greater efforts to communicate with the students on campus. No president in the past four years has held any significant number of open meetings with students. The unspoken motto of "get elected and to hell with the

students hereafter" has been practiced but not preached.

Let us hope the Canadian Union of Students can paste their organization back together before they lose all the parts. In effect, the union has become a haven of so-called "radical thinking universities" while the moderate element has chosen to prove its discontent with the union by withdrawing. Few student leaders would quarrel against the concept of a national student union. The hangup concerns the politics (if any) of the union. And in this matter, the uncompromising politics of radical versus moderate is all too evident.

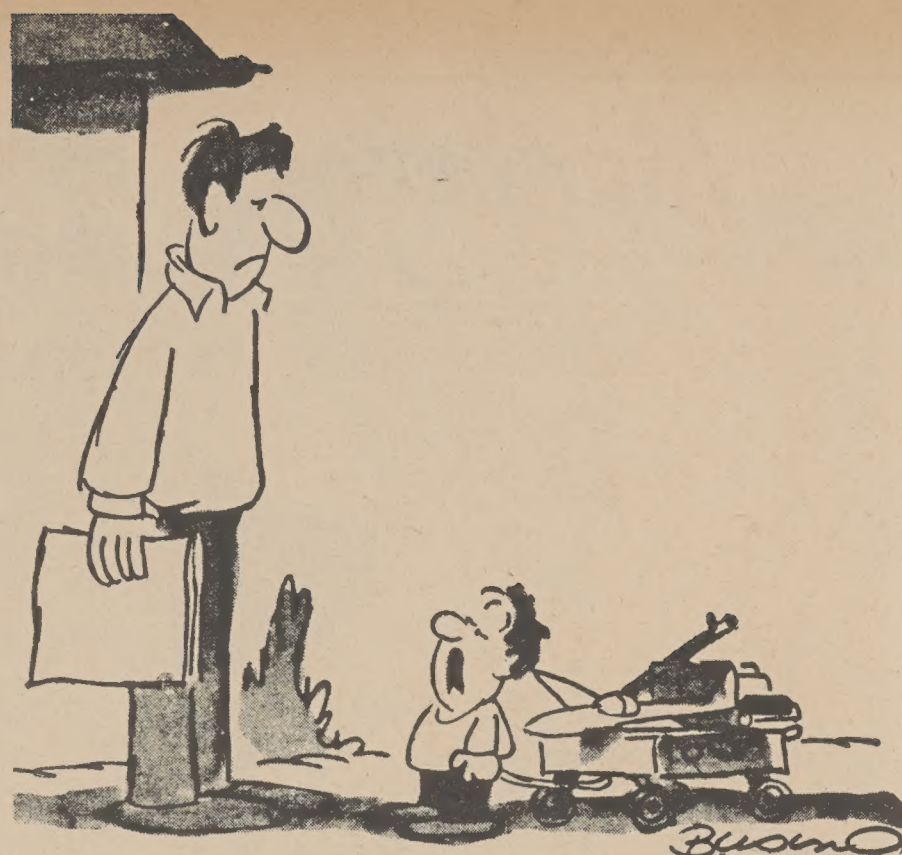
Let us hope that students will take a more active role in university politics especially at election time. With the increasing influence student leaders have in the upper levels of the university structure, it is imperative that the leaders be given a solid mandate by the students. A solid mandate is achieved only when a large majority of students use the ballot.

Let us hope the incidents in the sociology department are not indicative of the manner in which faculty and students cooperate. Ugliness has been the keynote of activity in that situation and it was not necessary. We hope a settlement can be reached by peaceful means.

We hope The University of Alberta chooses a liberal-minded successor to current president Walter Johns. A young, active person is required but he must also be a tough administrator.

We hope that sometime in the near future, the semester will be adopted and the expensive university buildings used extensively.

Let us hope that the one place where Alberta enjoys a decent national image—in sports—can produce just as effectively in 1969. The hockey Golden Bears have an excellent chance to represent the west once again (if they at least split with Calgary this weekend) and they could go on to a second straight national title.



"But if I share my toys with all the kids isn't that communist?"

from The Chevron

Should students elect a university president?

By Peter Boothroyd

Why not elect the new president of the University of Alberta?

Let all the faculty, students, administrators, secretaries, maintenance staff and anybody else whose occupation is at the university, determine with one vote each who the chief officer of this university should be.

Naturally this would force candidates for the office to stand on political platforms, to make public commitments before taking office. Some candidates would refuse to be elected in this way, by the students—let alone by the caretakers—but this in itself would be a good test of the desirability of the candidate.

The chief problem universities have today in choosing a president is that those most acceptable to the whole university refuse the job. They can see the conflicts and contradictions inherent in the autocratic administrative structures. Potentially good candidates have refused the job at Simon Fraser for this reason.

Consequently, the presidents of universities tend to be opposed to fundamental democratic reforms. Or at best, they cannot see the need for them. When the pressure builds up for changing the system as at Simon Fraser or San Francisco State you have a Strand or a Hayakawa calling in the police.

When I suggested the idea of democratically electing the new president to Marilyn Pilkington, she expressed interest but countered that the taxpayers of Alberta in effect appoint the president, through their elected representatives who work through the cabinet (Lt. Governor in Council), on the advice of the similarly appointed Board of Governors.

The point is good, but there are two things wrong with her argument as I see it.

First, the whole principle of local government is based on the assumption that the larger in scale the government, the more it should be concerned with co-ordination among the units within its hegemony and the less it should determine local policy. Hence we have a BNA Act setting out areas of provincial responsibility, and provincial municipal acts establishing the kinds of legislation appropriately passed by town and city councils. In a less constitutional vein,

we see regional development programs such as ARDA, community development agencies and urban renewal projects recognizing the need for the maximum amount of local control in their respective programs. Unlike many university administrators, professional in these programs usually recognize grass-roots democracy as a practical ideal and not as just the aberrations of irresponsible students.

To return to the university: the point is that for both reasons of value and practicality, democratic local government should be extended to the university such that the people in this potential community should at least elect their own "mayor". That the university is an institution and not a locality makes little difference. Factories can be democratically managed as the Yugoslavs have shown; it is reported that local democracy is being extended to mental hospitals on this continent. Surely the same reforms can be made in a university.

The second point on which I disagree with Miss Pilkington is the assumption in her argument that because the government pays most of the shot in building and running the university, the university is therefore kind of charity. On the contrary, the university earns its way in this society by contributing in numerous ways to the wealth of the province.

It might be suggested that if students could elect the president of the university, they might only be interested in who had the best kickline. Perhaps, but I don't think so. The importance of the kickline in Students' Union elections is a good indicator of the irrelevance of that body. My bet is that as students get more and more power in the university, they will rely less on hoopla in their elections and more on serious political debate. The president of the university has a great deal of power and his decisions or non-decisions must affect every student in significant ways. Given the chance to participate in choosing the president, every student would be impressed with the importance of his decision, just as he has been impressed with the relative unimportance of Students' Union elections.

Nineteen-year-olds in this province are trusted to vote for premier and mayor. Surely 18-year-old high school graduates are qualified to vote for the president of a university.

Marihuana — should it be legalized?

After careful appraisal of available information concerning marihuana (cannabis) and its components, and their derivatives, analogues and isomers, the Council on Mental Health and the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the American Medical Association and the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, have reached the following conclusions:

1. Cannabis is a dangerous drug and as such is a public health concern.

For centuries, the hemp plant (cannabis) has been used extensively and in various forms as an intoxicant in Asia, Africa, South America, and elsewhere. With few exceptions, organized societies consider such use undesirable and therefore a drug problem, and have imposed legal and social sanctions on the user and the distributor.

Some of the components of the natural resins obtained from the hemp plant are powerful psychoactive agents; hence the resins themselves may be. In dogs and monkeys, they have produced complete anesthesia of several days' duration with quantities of less than 10 mg/kg.

Although dose-response curves are not so accurately defined in man, the orders of potency on a weight (milligram) basis are greater than those for many other powerful psychoactive agents, such as the barbiturates. They are markedly greater than those for alcohol. In India, where weak decoctions are used as a beverage, the government prohibits charas, the potent resin, even for use in folk medicine. In many countries where chronic heavy use of cannabis occurs, such as Egypt, Morocco, and Algeria, it has a marked effect of reducing the social productivity of a significant number of persons.

The fact that no physical dependence develops with cannabis does not mean it is an innocuous drug. Many stimulants are dangerous psychoactive substances although they do not cause physical dependence.

2. Legalization of marihuana would create a serious abuse problem in the United States.

The current use of cannabis in the United States contrasts sharply with its use in other parts of the world. In this country, the pattern of use is primarily intermittent and of the "spree" type, and much of it consists of experimentation by teenagers and young adults. Further, hemp grown in the United States is not commonly of high potency and "streets" samples sometimes are heavily adulterated with inert materials.

With intermittent and casual use of comparatively weak preparations, the medical hazard is not so great, although even such use when it produces intoxication can give rise to disorders of behavior with serious consequences to the individual and to society.

And, while it is true that now only a small proportion of marihuana users in the United States are chronic users and can be said to be strongly psychologically dependent on the drug, their numbers, both actual and potential, are large enough to be of public health concern.

If all controls on marihuana were eliminated, potent preparations probably would dominate the legal market, even as they are now beginning to appear on the illicit market. If the potency of the drug were legally controlled, predictably there would be a market for the more powerful illegal forms.

When advocates of legalizing marihuana claim that it is less harmful than alcohol, they are actually comparing the relatively insignificant effects of marihuana at the lower end of the dose-response curve with the effects of alcohol at the toxicity end of the curve—ie, the "spree" use of marihuana, vs acute or chronic "poisoning" with alcohol. If they compared both drugs at the upper end of the curve, they would see that the effects on the individual and society are highly deleterious in both cases.

Admittedly, if alcohol could be removed from the reach of alcoholics, one of the larger medical and social problems could be solved. But to make the active preparations of cannabis generally available would solve nothing. Instead, it would create a comparable problem of major proportions.

That some marihuana users are now psychologically dependent, that nearly all users become intoxicated, and that more potent forms of cannabis could lead to even more serious medical and social consequences—these facts argue for the retention of legal sanctions.

3. Penalties for violations of the marihuana laws are often harsh and unrealistic.

Persons violating federal law with respect to possession of marihuana are subject to penalties of from 2 to 10 years imprisonment for the first offense, 5 to 20 years for the second offense, and 10 to 40 years for additional offenses. Suspension of sentence, probation, and parole are allowed only for the first offense. Many of the state laws provide for comparable penalties. With respect to sale, penalties are even more severe.

Laws should provide for penalties in such a fashion that the courts would have sufficient discretion to enable them to deal flexibly with violators. There are various degrees of both possession and sale. Possession ranges from the youngster who has one or two marihuana cigarettes to an individual who has a substantial quantity. Sale may range from the transfer of a single cigarette to the disposition of several kilograms of the drug.

While persons should not be allowed to become involved with marihuana with impunity, legislators, law enforcement officials, and the courts should differentiate in the handling of the occasional user, the frequent user,



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the chronic user, the person sharing his drug with another, and the dealer who sells for a profit.

Of particular concern is the youthful experimenter who, by incurring a criminal record through a single thoughtless act, places his future career in jeopardy. The lives of many young people are being needlessly damaged.

For those persons who are chronic users of the drug, and are psychologically dependent on it, general medical and psychiatric treatment, plus social rehabilitative services, should be made readily available. Such persons should not be treated punitively for their drug abuse alone any more than are persons dependent on other drugs, such as narcotics or alcohol.

Furthermore, if the purpose of imposing penalties is to deter acts which might injure the individual and disrupt society, then equitable penalties, insofar as they enhance respect for the law, can contribute effective prevention.

4. Additional research on marihuana should be encouraged.

Only recently has an active hallucinogenic principle of cannabis been exactly identified and synthesized. Sufficient time has not elapsed to obtain a substantial body of pharmacologic and clinical evidence concerning its effects. There are no carefully controlled clinical studies of long-time effects of cannabis on the central nervous or other organ systems. These and other considerations point to the importance of ongoing research in this area.

It must be emphasized, however, that the issue which faces the United States today is not whether we know all there is to know about marihuana scientifically. Obviously every effort should be made to correct the deficiencies in our knowledge. The issue is whether we can ignore the experiences and observations established over centuries of heavy use of hena preparations in various societies. A current solution to the problem does not relate to what is not known, but to those facts which are known about cannabis and in preparations. There is extensive experience in its use in all of its forms, including the effects of the potent natural resins which contain the active biological principles.

5. Educational programs with respect to marihuana should be directed to all segments of the population.

Educational material, based on scientific knowledge should point out the nature of marihuana and the effects of its use. Such material should be an integral part of a total educational program on drug abuse.

Primary and secondary schools, as well as colleges and universities, should establish such programs.

Physicians, as professional practitioners and concerned members of the community, should call attention frequently and forcibly to the problems of drug abuse and drug dependence.

An informed citizenry, in the final analysis, is the most effective deterrent of all.

Marihuana thing

Marihuana, like the Vietnam question and the new morality, is one of the issues in the credibility gap between youth and their elders. Although cannabis has been used for many centuries as an intoxicant, controversy regarding its effects has waxed and waned. In recent years it has again flared up, as the drug has become popular with an appreciable number of young people in the middle and upper socioeconomic classes. Experts from fields far distant from pharmacology and medicine have argued that marihuana is harmless. Some physicians have also shared this view. There is substantial need, therefore for the definitive statement by competent and recognized authorities.

The Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence of the National Research Council (of the National Academy of Sciences) and the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (of the AMA Council on Mental Health), after appraising all available information concerning cannabis, have correctly concluded that it is indeed a harmful drug and that its legalization would lead to even more serious medical and social consequences than now result from its use.

The harmfulness of marihuana, both to the individual user and to society, too often is masked by the manner in which the drug is used in the United States. Casual episodic use is the predominant pattern, and the strength of the drug typically is not of the magnitude found elsewhere in the world.

Granted that most American users do not suffer lasting physical or psychological impairment and do not exhibit a strong dependence on the substance, there are nevertheless a significant number, irrespective of whether the percentage is 10 or as low as 2, that do become chronic users with concomitant medical and interpersonal problems.

It has been argued, of course, that it is the unstable, problem-prone individual who is drawn to marihuana, and that any ensuing untoward effects would have come to the fore with or without drugtaking. If this argument were ever valid, it is not so today. The greater proportion of users are introduced to marihuana out of curiosity, youthful thrill-seeking, a desire to be "in" and a wish to demonstrate independence from a generation whose drug of choice is alcohol.

Too many of these young people, and here both the number and percentage appear to be significant, then proceed to experimental and spree-type abuse of other drugs. If most marihuana users do not "graduate" to heroin, many, if not most, do go on to "speed," goofballs, LSD, STP, and a variety of other three-letter hallucinogens, either in sequence or in combination. The relatively minor effects of weak marihuana preparations often give the false impression that any drug can be "handled." Thus, we are seeing a substantial number of young people who are drug-oriented, in addition to those who are strongly drug-dependent, at the very time they are being called on to make important career and other life-molding decisions.

Legalize marihuana and we change at least one of the variables in the drug-abuse complex. Enter then the more potent forms of cannabis. The psychopharmacologic effects are intensified, drug dependence and non-productivity become more pronounced and widespread, and we have the makings of a problem approximating and perhaps exceeding the proportions of alcohol abuse and dependence.

The AMA-NRC statement justifiably points out that to create a marihuana problem of that magnitude would not solve the alcohol problem. The failure of prohibition made alcohol no less dangerous. Legalizing marihuana likewise would not change the nature of cannabis for the better, but predictably would change its form and pattern of use for the worse.

Furthermore, there is no reason to assume that, just because custom and mores made a mockery of alcohol prohibition, marihuana prohibition is unworkable or undesirable.

It is well to remember that prohibition of alcohol followed two centuries of relatively uncontrolled use of the drug in this country, whereas the prohibition of marihuana preceded by nearly three decades the present state of popularization. Fortunately, marihuana use is not part of the American tradition, and we should discredit efforts to place it there. One dangerous drug does not deserve another.

Despite lack of solid foundation in pathology, the clinical classification is helpful in assessing prognosis and therapy. Outlook is good in Groups I and II, particularly in the young, who often recover spontaneously without subsequent relapse. Prognosis is more serious for Groups III and IV in whom the disorder may occasionally be fulminant but more frequently chronic and resistant to treatment, demanding high doses of corticosteroids for a period of two years or longer.

Consoled by practical benefits of the clinical classification, clinicians are not apt to be unduly disturbed by its lack of insights. The deficiency is felt more deeply by pathologists, who hope to find at the level of the Angstrom meaningful correlations between microstructure and clinical differentiation. To them the failure of the resolving power of the electronmicroscope to resolve clinical-pathologic perplexities is a failure of a promise.

Drake's pucksters complete successful holiday season

By BOB ANDERSON

Inactivity has often been the ruin of many a good hockey team. Coach Clare Drake of the Golden Bears fortunately realized this, with the result that his charges had very little time to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

The Golden Bears last saw league action Dec. 6-7 when they disposed of the Manitoba Bisons 11-1 and 6-3 in a pair of games at Varsity Arena. The twin victories left the Bears two points behind the first-place Calgary Dinosaurs but with two games in hand.

A short break for exams followed and then the fun really began. Unlike during pre-season training, where exhibition games were as scarce as the Golden Bear Band at athletic events, the Bears suddenly found themselves deluged with requests for games.

BEAT REGINA

Regina Pats, runaway leaders of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, paid a visit to Varsity Arena and found it tough sledging against a Bear team that had been off skates for close to a week. The Bears prevailed in both games, 5-3 and 3-2, no small feat considering that three of their big guns were home for the holidays.

But there was no rest for the wicked as the club left for Spokane by bus just hours after New Year's dinner. The Trail Smoke Eaters, currently in third place in the senior Western International Hockey League, were the first opponents of the Bears, dropping a 3-1 decision. Dale Halterman was the big star for the Bears, turning aside 47 shots, to cover up for a poor performance by his mates.

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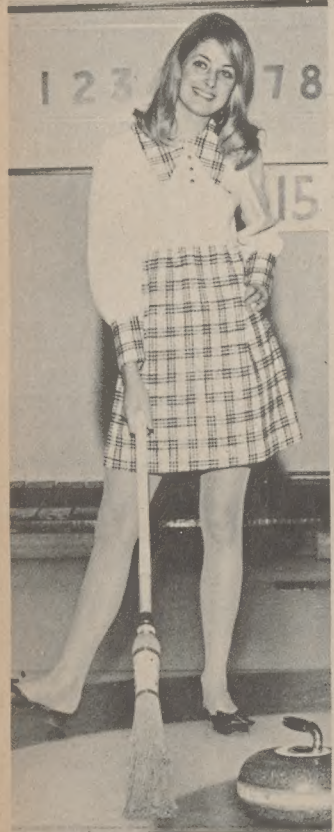
The Spokane Jets, leaders in the WIHL, were next and proved a bit too much to handle. The Jets won twice by scores of 3-2 and 1-0, in games which could have gone either way. The difference in the first game was a goal which never went in, although the goal judge ruled that it had.

The big difference in the second game was one Al Rollins, coach, general manager and sometimes goaltender of the Jets. Rollins, who in four previous seasons as coach of the Calgary Dinosaurs failed to gain even a tie against the Bears, got sweet revenge as he recorded the shutout, blocking 29 shots.

And, back at home, the University of Victoria Vikings paid a visit to Varsity Arena and were soundly thrashed by the Junior Bearcats, 10-2. Vikings are currently playing an exhibition schedule with WCIAA clubs preparatory to becoming a full-time member next year. It promises to be a trying season for the young club.

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Bears and Dinos clash tonight

First place on the line

By BOB ANDERSON

If ever there was a time of reckoning for Clare Drake and his Golden Bear hockey club, tonight and tomorrow will be it.

The first place Calgary Dinosaurs are in town for two games which will likely decide the WCIAA pennant winner. Dinnies presently lead the Bears by two points, but the Albertans have two games in hand.

The name of the game as far as the Golden Ones are concerned is revenge. For it was the Dinosaurs who have handed the Bears their two losses of the season in the opening games of the schedule two

months ago in Calgary. Both games ended in one goal margins for Calgary and both could have actually gone either way.

"We're a better club than we were in the openers", says Calgary coach George Kingston, himself an ex-Bear. "I think we're now playing with more poise. We are in first place because the boys are playing like winners."

Both clubs should be ready for the big series, following a strenuous exhibition schedule during the holiday break. The Bears played five tough games, winning three of them, while the Dinnies were bombed twice by a weak Drumheller Miner club of the Alberta Senior Hockey League before

thrashing Victoria Vikings 10-1, a team which the Alberta Junior Bearcats dealt with 10-2.

Both clubs have some lineup changes from their past encounters. For the Dinosaurs, Norm Minor, a defenceman and Don Maxwell, a left winger, have joined the team after having toiled with the football team. Both have looked good in recent games.

For the Bears, young Dan Bouwmeester will be making his first start in a league game.

"He looked great on our recent road trip to Spokane and showed that he has what it takes to play in this league", raved Coach Drake at practice earlier this week. "He'll see action at both defence and left wing."

UP FRONT

The attacking units will likely remain the same, with Wayne Wiste pivoting Jack Gibson and Oliver Morris, Bill Clarke between Milt Hohol and Don Darling and Gerry Hornby centering Don Falkenberg and Tom Devaney. Harv Poon will likely be the extra forward.

On defence, Mike Ballash and Gerry Braunberger will work together, with Jim Seutter and Mel Baird forming the other defensive combo. Bob Wolfe and Dale Halterman will split the goaltending assignment.

The Bears' roster was diminished by two over the holidays as both Don Manning a second year man, and rookie Bob Reddick called it quits. Reddick is now playing for the junior Ponoka Stamps, for whom he toiled last season.

Game times are 8 p.m. tonight and 2:30 tomorrow and capacity crowds are expected for both games. Admission is free with your I.D. card.

WCIAA STANDINGS

	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Calgary	7	3	40	30	14
Alberta	6	2	42	19	12
B.C.	4	2	31	20	8
Saskatchewan ...	4	4	33	31	8
Manitoba	3	7	31	48	6
Winnipeg	0	6	8	37	0

Ex-Oil King and Bear Gord Jones leads league

Official statistics released by the WCIAA today show Gordon Jones of the University of Calgary Dinosaurs leading the individual scoring race of the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League.

The Calgary centre, a former Edmonton Oil King and U of A Golden Bear, has 18 points on six goals and 12 assists.

Wayne Wiste and Jack Gibson of the Bears follow with 16 points apiece. Al Popoff of Saskatchewan leads in goal scoring with 10, while Gibson has the most assists with 13.

Dale Halterman of the Bears leads the goaltending race with a 2.00 average in four games. Bob Wolfe, also of the Bears, follows with an average of 2.75 also in four games, and shares the shut-out lead with Mickey Cugnet of the Huskies at one each.

Paul Allan of Manitoba Bisons leads in the penalty department with 32 minutes, one more than John Toner of the Dinosaurs.

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Bill Kankewitt ... on sport

Better late than never.

Although New Year's resolutions are made to be broken, here are some gems that might have been made by various sports personalities on campus.

Clare Drake (football coach) "... have a goal and a resolution for 1969. My goal is not to lose a game as coach of the Golden Bear football team. My resolution is not to coach the Golden Bear football team in 1969."

Murray Smith (swim coach) "... through my study of the human anatomy and with the excellent electronic devices I have at my command, I will develop a web footed human so that in 1969 the U of A will have the world's fastest runner."

Mel Baird (five-foot-six Bear defenseman) "... in 1969 I will either quit smoking and grow six inches or else I will go on a diet and become a jockey."

Terry Jones (Journal sports writer) "... either I will lose 100 pounds in 1969 or put a ruby in my navel and open a rent-a-buddha business."

Warren Champion (Bear basketballer) "... I firmly and absolutely resolve to be as handsome, witty and personable as I was in 1968."

Mike Ballash (Bear defenseman) "... I was going to try to win a pro boxing title in 1969 but my wife lumped me out last week and the bruises won't heal till 1970."

Chuck Moser (Assistant Athletic Director) "... In 1969 I will quit worrying and concentrate on panicking."

Ray Kelly (Trainer) "... 1969 will go down in history as the year I developed a cure for broken legs. Tape two aspirins to the affected limb and give the athlete an injection consisting of one part rubbing alcohol to two parts tape remover. As soon as numbness sets in, amputate."

Barry Mitchelson (basketball coach) "... no matter how much the Eskimos beg me I definitely will not come out of retirement to quarterback the team."

Ludwig Daubner (Bear footballer) "... I'm going to give up my nice guy image in 1969 and start having a good time like the rest of the fellows, even if they are foreigners."

Glen Sinclair (Mr. Everything and not too much of anything) "... I resolve to stay sober at every football game I go to in 1969. Come to think of it I think I will give up football and switch to golf. Eighteen holes of sniff and snort every day never hurt anyone."

Mitchelson's hoop Bears unbeaten as season moves into the home stretch

By JOE CZAJKOWSKI

The Golden Bears refused to be buffaloed by the Manitoba Bisons.

That, for your aging information, on Dec. 6-7 ended the first half of the basketball season leaving Alberta all alone on top the WCIAA.

Both games were hotly contested but the Bruins were the victors in both cases with an 82-77 win Dec.

6 and a 64-63 triumph the next night.

In the first game the Bears led throughout. Barry Mitchelson's club was pushed hard in the contest as Manitoba was never more than ten points behind. At the half the home club was up 49-39.

The second frame saw the gap fluctuate only slightly. The Bisons couldn't close the gap entirely. The last portion of the game saw

them make a desperate attempt to come back but Alberta froze the ball effectively and the game was won.

The second encounter the next night saw the Bisons take the lead. They gradually added to it and at 16 points. By the half the Bears one point before the half led by had cut that down to a 35-23 score.

In the second half the Bears turned grizzly. The Bisons played well but the Bears played better. Both clubs were determined to win but Manitoba couldn't stop the rejuvenated Bears. It took the Bears a full 12 minutes to get on even terms with the Bisons but catch them they did.

A fantastic battle for the lead began. With two minutes to play Alberta had built up a six point lead, 64-58. The strategy was "control that ball". The strategy was sound but the execution of it nearly flopped. Manitoba scored five points and came within a whisker of scoring the sixth and tying point. Final score, 64-63 in favor of the Bears.

On Jan. 3-4 the Bears journeyed to Lethbridge for a pair of games. The first night they easily dumped the University of Lethbridge Bobcats 102-56.

Next evening they faced the Lethbridge Senior 'A' Chinooks. This proved to be more of a battle. Alberta, however, won this one too 72-64.

Christmas cheer, long wet nights and all that rot didn't seem to affect the play of the hoop Bears during the wet (well it certainly wasn't dry) season.

The club won all games it played and appears ready for the second half of the season.

Their first test is the O'Keefe Invitational Tournament being held in Saskatoon this weekend. Eight teams are entered including two representing Edmonton, the Golden Bears and the PWA Chieftains.

Next league action for the Bears is also in Saskatoon. This is on Jan. 17-18 against the U of S Huskies.

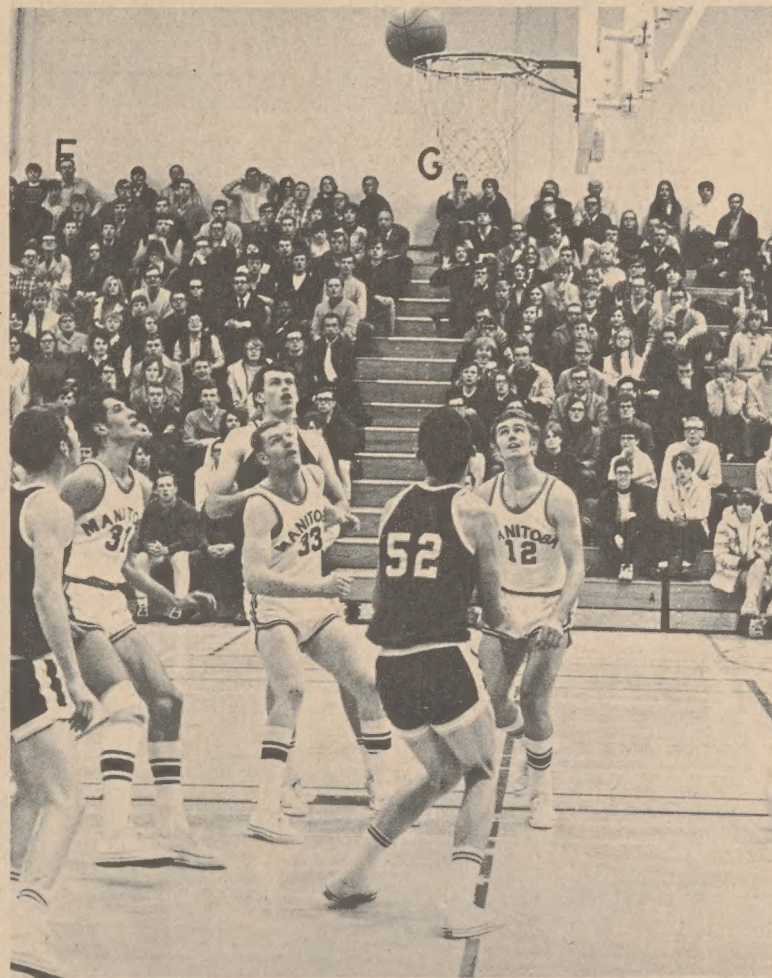


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Alberta	6	6	0	12
Saskatchewan	8	5	3	10
Winnipeg	6	3	3	6
Regina	8	3	5	6
Manitoba	4	2	2	4
Calgary	8	1	7	2

Wrestling meets set for Calgary later this month

CALGARY—Five teams are entered this weekend in the first of two international wrestling tournaments at The University of Calgary gymnasium. The Dinosaur Wrestling Club will oppose entries from Whitworth College in Spokane, University of Saskatchewan, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and the Calgary Combines in the event. The combines are a team composed of wrestlers from Mount Royal College and SAIT.

Five more teams are entered in a similar competition here Jan. 17 and 18. Entries for that event include Easter Washington College from Cheney, Wash., and Alberta Golden Bears along with the Dinies, NAIT and the Combines. That tournament will open on the 17th as part of an intercollegiate wrestling and basketball double-header.

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GFC lowers requirements

The General Faculty Council meeting of Dec. 17 adopted several reports of interest to students.

A proposal to combine the B.Sc.-medical doctor program and B.Sc.-doctor dental surgeon program beginning next year was passed.

A report to lower admission requirements to the university was also passed. Matriculants wishing to enter certain faculties will be admitted if they lack a prerequisite, provided they take a 100-level course in their first year.

The Academic Development Committee made two recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the expansion of the university. They were:

- that the Board of Governors ask the Universities Commission to allow U of A to continue to expand its facilities, as necessary, during the 1970's and to delay any plans for the establishment of another university in Edmonton until after 1980.

- that if the above recommendation is rejected, the Board of Governors ask the Universities Commission for a decision on the ultimate full-time enrollment of U of A.

The university finds it cannot plan for the future until the pro-

vincial government makes a decision on the final size of the institution or the establishment of another Edmonton campus.

Much of the business at the meeting was deferred to the next meeting. This included such points of interest as a proposal to abolish all supplemental exams, a report on compulsory phys ed for first year students and a notice of motion to establish a commission to examine teaching at the university.

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rather a consensus of agreement on ideas concerning a national union.

"The idea evolved that pressure could be put on the Canadian Union of Students to come into line with what they should be doing.

"The next conference should concentrate on three things; philosophical priorities of a national union such as education; how do they get CUS to change, whether it should be dissolved etc.; and that barriers within each province have to be broken down. Everyone has to work through their provincial unions and the next conference should look closely at this."

Carillon "not in university's best interest" — funds severed

Compulsory collection of students' union fees for the January-April semester on the University of Saskatchewan-Regina campus has been cancelled by that campus' Board of Governors.

A news release from the Regina Campus Student's Representative Council (SRC) quotes the board as saying, "The suspension will remain in effect until the SRC adjusts its activities and programs to be more in accord with the best interests of the university."

A petition circulated on the Regina campus has revealed that many students object to the board move. The SRC said "It is an intolerable attempt to impose censorship on The Carillon (the campus newspaper) and to deny the students their right to a free press."

Norman Bolen, editor of The Carillon, claims "the attack" by the Board of Governors on The Carillon was from "purely political motives".

A letter from the SRC circulated to all the students stated "It is no secret that Ross Thatcher had little love for students, and it is very possible the government has been pressing the administration on this matter, just as they have been

pressing them on budgetary items".

The government denies that it put any pressure on the board.

The faculty members are also concerned with the Board of Governor's decision. President of the Faculty Association Dr. Reid Robinson described the move as "somewhat abhorrent . . . a fiscal sledge-hammer being used for censorship."

Former Dean of Arts and Science Alwyn Berland concurred. "I am distressed by some of the excesses of The Carillon, but I am not in the least convinced that the decision of the Board is right or proper."

"It opens the door into internal affairs of the university. If the community should decide it doesn't like the Sociology Department, will the board decide to close that up too?"

This was in response to Board of Governors Chairman Allan Tubby.

"The language and illustrations in The Carillon have given offense to an increasing segment of a

public that expects better of an institution of higher learning. Considerable damage has been done to the relationship of mutual respect which must exist between a public university and the community which support it," said Mr. Tubby.

Of several courses open to the Regina Campus Student's Union, one is to defy university authorities by continuing to publish the weekly without a change in policy and using surplus money in the union fund while the union arranges to collect fees on a voluntary basis from students. Another is to agree to an editorial policy not offensive to the board as a prelude to restoration of the compulsory checkoff.

The latest action taken on the issue, in which 2,500 of the University of Regina's 4,400 students voted favorably, was a request for a referendum Thursday proposing a written contact between the SRC and the administration that would direct the administration to collect council fees from students at registration.



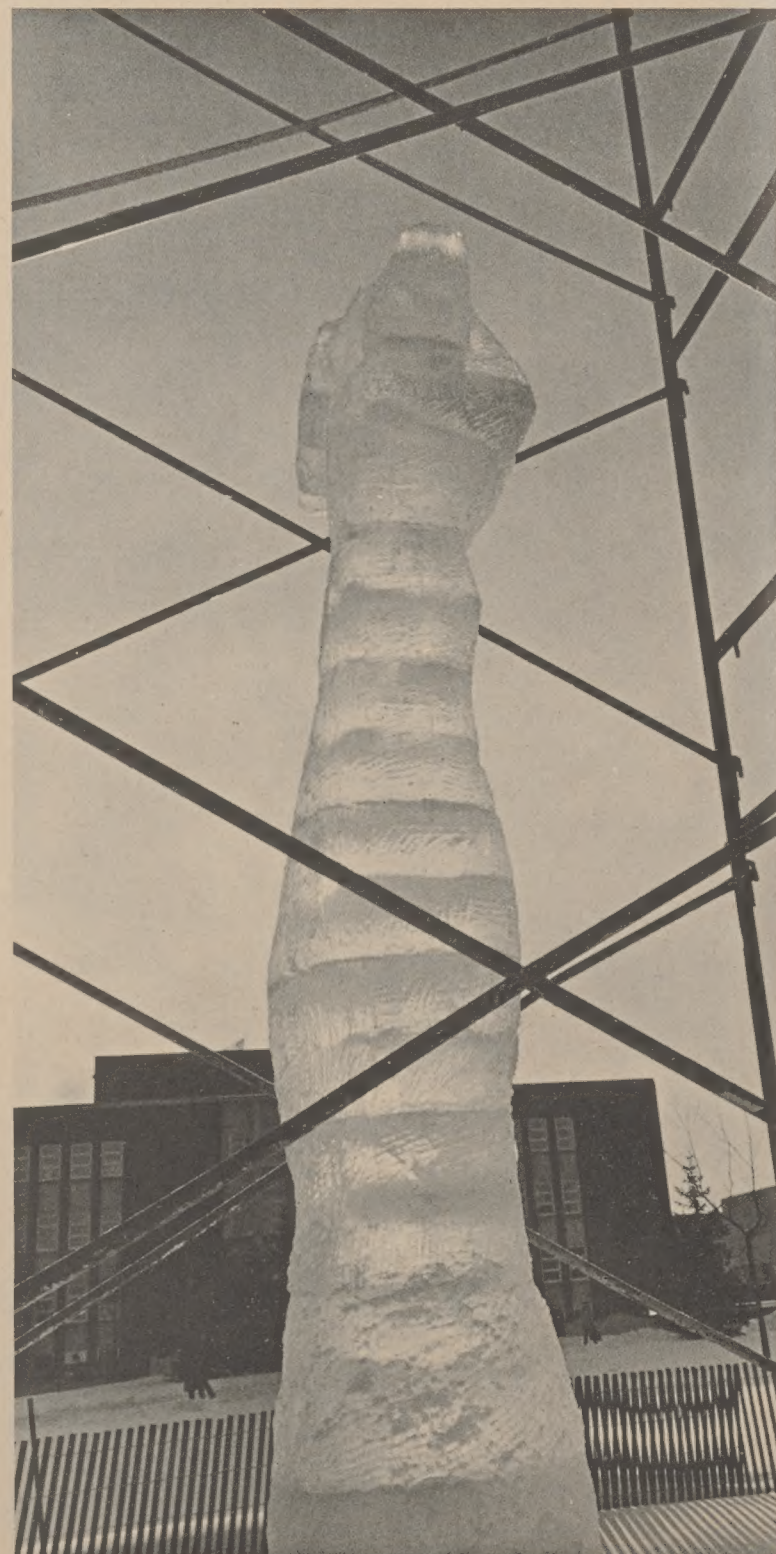
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